implement global standards of management of the airport which also include achieving optimum levels of non-traffic revenue.

Regulations for helicopter pilots

2796. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of civilian helicopter crashes reported during the last one year;

(b) the reasons for the increase in number of copter crashes;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the reasons cited for copter crashes was the inexperience of pilots;

(d) if so, whether Government are considering to implement stringent regulations for the copter pilots; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) During the year 2004, four helicopters met with accident.

(b) the increase in the accident of helicopters is due to increased operations of helicopters.

(c) The Government has accepted the Investigation Reports of two accidents. In one of the report, low flying experience of pilot was attributed as cause of accident.

(d) and (e) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had set up a Committee to look into and examine the requirements for helicopter pilots training. The Report of this Committee has been received on 10.3.2005. The DGCA is examining it to implement.

Delayed delivery of consignments booked for Kozhikode

2797. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consignments booked for Kozhikode at New Delhi Airport or other airports are being sent to Kolkata due to usage of code similar to Kozhikode and Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the consignments booked for Kozhikode are delivered after 10 days of bookings; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The three letter city code allotted by International Air Transport Association (IATA) for Kozhikode is CCJ and for Kolkata it is CCU. Indian Airlines invariably dispatched the consignment to the destination it has been booked for. However, in recent past, one consignment booked from Delhi to Kozhikode was erroneously dispatched to Kolkata.

(c) Depending upon the availability of space/load, Indian Airlines dispatches the consignment booked by the first available service.

(d) Does not arise.

Employment of foreign pilots by airlines

2798. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for airlines to employ foreign pilots; and

(b) the number of foreign pilots employed by different airlines with airline-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) *vide* Civil Aviation Requirements Section 7, Series "G" Part II dated 8.11.99 has issued guidelines for validation of foreign pilot licenses.

(b) The number of foreign pilots employed in Deccan Aviation, Air India Limited and Alliance Air is 31, 14 and 9 respectively. Besides, various non-scheduled operators namely Himalayan Heli Services, United Helicopters have employed 9 and 4 foreign pilots and one each by Essar, Reliance and Premier companies.